

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment after final rejection filed 06 May 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-625.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 27 October 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date <u>20050513</u> . |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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of Biological Material | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Douglas G. Glantz on 13 May 2005.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 15 through 20 have been canceled.

Claims 27 through 32 have been added.

-- Claim 27 (New). A method of supporting a roof in an underground mine comprising:

(a) providing a round or elliptical dome-shaped plate having an outer rim conforming to regular or irregular roof surfaces of an underground mine, and apertures for hanging cables, and further having a center aperture for receiving a roof bolt;

(b) providing a recessed center in said dome-shaped plate lower than said outer rim such that the head of said roof bolt will be partially protected, when installed in the roof of an underground mine;

(c) providing a plurality of ribs on the domed area of said dome-shaped plate for adjusting strength in said dome-shaped plate; and

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(d) inserting a roof bolt through said center aperture of said dome-shaped plate and into the roof of an underground mine.

Claim 28 (New). A method of supporting a roof in an underground mine as set forth in Claim 27, further comprising installing and monitoring plate effectiveness by the lock washer effect in the mine.

Claim 29 (New). A method as set forth in Claim 27, wherein said recessed center reduces injuries to personnel and damage to the roof control system by passing equipment.

Claim 30 (New). A method as set forth in Claim 27, further comprising providing a system for hanging cables and wires and maintaining dangerous electrical cables and wires close to the roof, and out of harms way.

Claim 31 (New). A method as set forth in Claim 28, wherein said recessed center reduces injuries to personnel and damage to the roof control system by passing equipment.

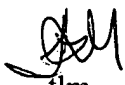
Claim 32 (New). A method as set forth in Claim 29, further comprising providing a system for hanging cables and wires and maintaining electrical cables and wires close to the roof, and out of harms way.--.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tara L. Mayo whose telephone number is 571-272-6992. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

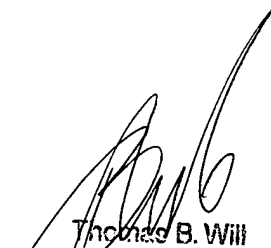
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas B. Will can be reached on 571-272-6998. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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